

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 at 03:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy and wet weather later on Sunday and Monday morning, also high confidence for a generally unsettled week of weather with a series of low pressures moving towards the UK later in the week.

Headline for Sunday 26 Sep 2021: Gales, some bright spells, heavy rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Fog	Drizzle	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	10%	10%	20%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Weather: Quite a lot of hill cloud and some light rain and drizzle for southern and western ranges overnight, further north and east will be drier with some cloud breaks. A dry start with a few sunny spells around Loch Muick and the Aberdeenshire hills, further south and west will remain quite cloudy with some light precipitation at times. As the day goes on it will cloud over from the west with some rain by mid to late afternoon, this spreads east during the evening reaching all parts by nightfall, although the furthest east hills around Glentworth may remain dry, even in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the south and west, 30% with quite extensive low cloud associated with some light rain and drizzle. East and north will be clearer for much of the day, perhaps 80% decreasing to 50% in the evening.

Visibility: During the morning a lot of ranges will have reasonable visibility, in the west around Loch Tay and Glen Lyon it may be poor at times in light rain and drizzle and extensive low cloud from 400m and above. Rain will become heavier after lunch in the west with persistent rainfall setting in for the rest of the day. During the evening there may be a period of quite squally rainfall as the front crosses the area. Further east around Loch Muick and Glenshee the tops of most ranges will be clear until late afternoon. In the eastern Cairngorms visibility will be reasonable for most of the day with cloud lowering in the evening as rainfall begins, there may be patches of cloud from mid afternoon from 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	43/50 S	44/52 S	37/47 S	44/56 S	40/51 S	35/45 S	28/34 S
900	31/38 S	32/40 S	28/38 S	33/44 S	29/40 S	24/34 S	19/26 S
600	21/35 S	22/36 S	19/33 S	23/40 S	22/38 S	15/28 S	13/23 S
300	6/17 S	10/21 S	12/24 S	8/20 SW	8/18 SW	11/24 S	9/21 S
Glen	10/24 SW	11/25 SW	12/25 S	10/22 S	8/21 S	11/25 S	10/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	9/4	8/1	8/3	8/2	8/2	8/3	7/3
900	11/6	10/5	10/6	11/6	10/6	10/6	9/6
600	12/9	12/9	13/10	13/9	12/8	12/9	11/8
300	14/14	16/14	16/14	16/15	15/14	14/12	13/12
Glen	15/14	16/15	17/15	17/16	16/15	15/13	14/12
Freezing Level*	2900m	2700m	2700m	2400m	2900m	2900m	2900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Southerly gales during the day with frequent stronger gusts on the higher munros, a very blustery late afternoon/evening period.

Forecast for Monday 27 Sep 2021

Weather: A lot of heavy rain from midnight to dawn period on Monday morning, quite persistent and heavy at times in the west, a few breaks in the rain for Aberdeenshire hills and the east but very wet on the hills west of the A9. Rain moving away east shortly after dawn and some sunny spells and brighter weather expected behind with a cloud clearing too. A marked fresher feel with a few afternoon showers developing.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25mph, stronger gusts early in the morning but winds moderating shortly after dawn. Winds becoming gusty by late afternoon again especially around showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: From daybreak 80% with cloud clearing well after the rain, most hilltops becoming visible, perhaps a few patches of cloud at first.

Visibility: After the rain clears visibility will be very good, perhaps dipping moderate in any afternoon showers. A few patches of lower cloud at 6-700m in the morning but these mostly clearing.

Temperature: Glens: Plus 12 falling to 8 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius dropping to 3 Celsius.

Freezing level: Above the summits, falling to the height of the highest munros by evening.